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In re Application of:

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For: A NOVEL CELL SURFACE
RECEPTOR FOR HIV
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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This paper is offered as a reply to the Office Action dated February 9, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13 and 23 as follows:

2. (Amended) A peptidic or non peptidic inhibitor molecule that is able to alter and/or prevent the interaction between a receptor located on the surface of an HIV infected cell and a gp120 envelope glycoprotein of said HIV, wherein the inhibitor is not nuclear nucleolin.

4. (Amended) An inhibitor molecule that is homologous to the inhibitor molecule of claim 3, wherein said inhibitor molecule comprises a peptide or

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